



Our Lady Queen of Peace

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 2, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We have hit the ground running with a lot to celebrate and some exciting learning to follow.

At the end of last term we had our walkathon to raise money for our playground work. We had hoped to raise \$30,000 which was a challenging task. Our net result was over \$35,000. This amount of money is an enormous effort and one that will make a real difference to our school environment. The winners of the raffle are listed on the following page but a special mention must be made of Marco Ciarrocchi who brought in \$810. My profound thank you to all our families for this wonderful effort. I would like to also recognise the joint efforts of the teachers and parents who formed the committee to organise the event – Mrs Gerardis, Mrs Pavlek, Mrs Meredith, Mrs Dib, Mrs Farrugia, Mrs Cini, Mrs Pittam, Mrs Garzaniti, Mrs Romanous, Mrs Geelan and Ms O'Brien. We have already discussed ways to enhance the day for next year.

The work to re-surface the playground is dependent on the weather and is not yet complete. The lower playground needs to be painted and sealed and there are lots of line markings to be done. The demountable classroom has been removed and the areas near the Year 6 building and the music room have been cleared. We are now waiting to have these areas prepared for playground spaces.

Mrs Garzaniti is leading an OLQP team on the *Seven Bridges Walk* to raise money for the Cancer Council. The walk takes place on 25th October and we are seeking support from anyone who feels they may like to join the team. We are also seeking support with sponsorship. More information can be found on the following page and on our website (www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au) or you can contact Mrs Garzaniti at school.

In your prayers this week please remember all the students who are currently sitting for the HSC exams. We wish them well and we will be conscious of noise levels around the hall over the next few weeks.

Our next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm in the library. We will be discussing the data from our Quality Schools Survey that was completed earlier this year. We are constantly looking at ways to improve how we do things in our school and especially the way in which we work with our students and parents. It would be great to have lots of parents at this meeting.

There has been a request from St. Pauls College that parents do not drive down past the hall before or after school. Lots of our students use this road way and it is a significant

safety consideration. It appears to be happening particularly when the uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings.

Could families who think they will not be returning to OLQP next year, please advise the office as soon as possible so that we can offer places to students on our waiting list.

We are currently preparing our classes for next year and it is important to remember that it is not appropriate to request a particular teacher or class for your child. The decisions to create classes are made by the teachers and myself. There will be significant changes in staff for 2016 but definite decisions will not be made until December and I will communicate this to you before the end of the year.

As we continue to watch the terrible atrocities brought by terrorism in our world, I believe that it is important that we turn our hearts to God and pray for peace.

Grant us wisdom and courage to give and to receive the forgiveness which alone can heal today's wounds. Draw us, O Lord, towards loving kindness and guide us into the way of peace.

Have a great term.

Michael Hopley
Principal

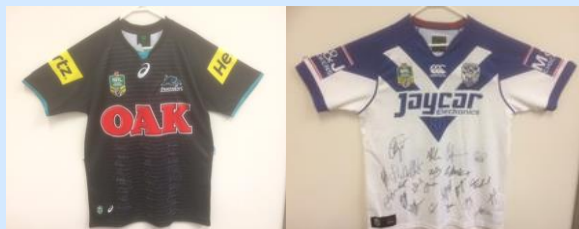
WALKATHON PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students:

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| • Abigail Aitken KL | • Tahlia Houssarini 2M |
| • Mia Brincat KA | • Tahlia Malivindi 2LH |
| • Adau Deng KA | • Thomas Midgalski 2P |
| • Olivia Kovacevic KL | • Maya Salazar 2LH |
| • Evan Hill KR | • Oskar Schweizer 2P |
| • Alyssa Assaf 1B | • Kayla Azzi 3C |
| • Evelyn Farrugia 1M | • Ryan Bath 3C |
| • Chloe Kizana 1M | • Maddison Brown 3GO |
| • Riley Hammond 1M | • Zane Lesniewski 3G |
| • Richard Nasr 1T | • Natarsha Skapetis 3GO |
| • Harrison Ciaccia 2LH | • Anabelle Tadros 3R |
| • Ethan Elias 2B | • Rachel Bates 4C |
| • Luciano Garcia 2B | • Edrea Carr 4C |
| • Caitlyn Glynn 2P | • Adrian Elcham 4P |
| • Toni Elias 4P | • Sheridan Telfer 5D |
| • Jacinta Massoud 4GG | • Chloe Eigner 6AD |
| • Thalia Rodriguez 4GG | • Priscilla Granata 6M |
| • Lauren Sigmund 4V | • Jad Haddad 6M |
| • Christopher Halabi 5D | • Lily Knight 6M |
| • Isabella Henein 5D | • Vincent Le 6KU |
| • Sam Saad 5S | • Deepti Moopnar 6K |

JERSEYS FOR AUCTION-SILENT AUCTION!

We have had a very generous family donate two signed football jerseys to auction off to help raise money for the school. One is a Canterbury Bulldogs jersey and the other is a Penrith Panthers jersey. We will be running a silent auction from Wednesday 14th October to Friday 23rd October. If you would like to make an offer, please send in your bid (via your child) to the office. We will keep you updated with the current bid via an alert.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

From the 26th-31st of July 2016, young people from all countries and nations around the world will come together in Krakow, Poland, showing the universality of and diversity within the Catholic Church. It will be a time for the youth to share their faith and be rejuvenated to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in their homelands. It is also a way to come to understand other cultures and spread peace and understanding throughout the world. As they wave their own flags with pride, the youth unite as one in their walk of faith.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the mission of Christ, on Friday the 23rd of October at 9:00am, we will be celebrating Mission Week. Our focus for this year is to raise money for members of our parish and school community to attend World Youth Day, 2016, in Krakow, Poland. Miss Clancy, from our school and parish community, will take part in this pilgrimage. To support Miss Clancy as she embarks on this journey, we kindly ask students to wear a "silly hat" and to donate a gold coin next Friday as we celebrate Mission Week/World Teachers' Day.

Further information regarding World Youth Day can be found on the official World Youth Day website at <http://www.wyd.org.au/>.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Vincent Knight

OLQP PRESCHOOL ART EXPO

When - Sunday 25th October

Where – outside Parish office

Time – after every morning Mass - 7.30am -12pm

We will be displaying the beautiful art works that the children have been working on. There will also be face painting, cake stalls, a book fair and BBQ.

Hope you can join us

LADIES SHOPPING NIGHT – SAVE THE NIGHT



The Mum's Shopping Night will be held again this year. **SAVE THE DATE** for Friday 6th November 2015, 5-9pm in the School Library. Join us for an evening of social shopping. Tickets: \$5 (available at office), includes tea/coffee & nibbles. **ALL WELCOME!**

PARISH NEWS

Year 2 Parents and above. Enquiry evening for your child's First Reconciliation & First Communion will be held Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th October, 2015 7:30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries contact OLQP Parish on 8863 1827 or 9631 8135 or visit Parish website www.olqp.org.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to term 4, over the break the canteen website has been improved to now include pdf versions of all meal deals and the canteen menu. This will allow printing directly from the website, so if you missed a note or just misplaced your copy you are now always up to date with the latest offers. A meal deal planner is also available so you can see when the classes are having a turn, and special day offers. Our website is also viewable on your iPad and phone browser for you to bookmark for easy access.

Christmas is fast approaching so mums, mark the date in your calendar **FRIDAY 27th NOV** and join in the fun at our annual Christmas party. This year it will be held at the Greystanes Inn. More details to follow soon. So if you have helped in the canteen in any way this year this is for you. Deposit of \$10 is due to me by Friday 20th November, to secure your spot.

OLMC PARRAMATTA MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 are invited to apply. Visit the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au for more information.

 <p>OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA</p>	<p>Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day Thursday November 12, 2015</p>
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